

Southwest Neighborhood Association  
Meeting at City Hall  
October 21, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Suzan Wells, President, at 7:03. She welcomed new people and went over the agenda. 18 people in attendance.

Suzan introduced the minutes from the April 15, 2010 and Barbara Brooks made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Jerry Lebra seconded. All voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

Suzan welcomed the new attendees and went over the agenda for the evening. She thanked people for attending the "Big Box Code" meetings at city hall.

Suzan introduced Police Chief Junginger. The Chief explained about the new on-line police reporting option. He talked about changes to the website and changing the police staffing to match the high crime times. He discussed the crime rates and homicides last year verses this year. He encouraged us to send him emails if we have issues or questions. The Chief also discussed the homeless population on the Springwater Trail, the two recent bank robberies, and gangs and graffiti.

Suzan elaborated on the neighborhood crime and discussed the neighborhood watch program.

Toot Our Horn: Suzan shared about the doo doo bags program and Gene Wilkenson mowing the Butler Creek Park. A gentleman named Mike goes through our neighborhood removing and/or covering up graffiti. Dennis mowed Jenne Butte Park. Cat joined the police citizen volunteer program. Rosaria joined a city committee to help keep citizens involved. Jeff is now on the traffic committee with the city. An un-named man goes thru our neighborhood and the homeless areas and picks up garbage. Two new neighborhood watch programs are starting.

New business: Dean Wells nominated Veda Taylor as secretary/treasurer and Gibb Moore seconded. Vote in favor of. Gibb Moore nominated Terry Schumway as Land Use Chair and Jeff Nelson seconded. Vote in favor of. Gene Wilkenson nominated Jeff Nelson as Vice President and Dee Moore seconded. Vote in favor of. Sally made a motion to nominate Suzan Wells as President and Steve Jones seconded. Vote in favor of.

Suzan discussed a cell tower being proposed on top of Butler Creek School. The school is in agreement with the tower.

Wal-Mart: Suzan Wells shared that she cannot find out anything new happening with the property, except that it is no longer listed for sale on the Wal-Mart website. Everyone is keeping their ear to the ground for new information.

The parks budget is rapidly shrinking and they are working on possibly making a park district or a new fee on your property taxes. By making a park district, it keeps the money separate from safety and fire.

Suzan discussed our picnic in the park in July. We had a massive turnout. The Mayor showed up. Suzan discussed if we wanted to do it again, if so we need to get another grant. A neighbor discussed the

garbage generated by the event. Jessica, Christina, Gibb, Dee, Barbara, and Steve would be willing to volunteer with the next picnic. We discussed how grants work and what to do if there is left over food.

Suzan discussed the "Big Box Code" that the city is working on. She discussed the changing of the zones for different properties, including the Wal-Mart property. She explained that the city will also be clarifying the requirements on some of the different zones.

We discussed our banking account balance and encouraged donations.

Gibb wants us to look into foster care homes. Concerned was expressed for the coyotes and off leash dogs in the Butler Creek Park.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.